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# Question No: 1

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India's 1st integrated air ambulance service was launched at which city?

भारत की पहली एकीकृत एयर एम्बुलेंस सेवा किस शहर में शुरू की गई थी?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Chennai
- C. Kochi
- D. Bengaluru

Answer – Bengaluru

# Question No: 2

Who is the present Lt. governor of Delhi?

A. Girish Chandra Murmu

B. Praful Patel

☒ C. Anil Baijal

D. R. K. Mathur

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Laddakh (LG)

Answer – Anil Baijal

# Question No: 3

Which district was selected as Tamil Nadu's first fully digital economy district by the central government?

केंद्र सरकार ने किस जिले को तमिलनाडु का पहला पूरी तरह से डिजिटल इकोनॉमी डिस्ट्रिक्ट चुना था?

A. Coimbatore

B. Chennai

C. Erode

D. Virudhunagar

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Answer – Virudhunagar

## Question No: 4 ✓✓

Name the organization which will be leading the procurement and supply of COVID-19 Vaccines.

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- A. World Health Organisation
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. Amnesty Internationals
- ☒ D. United Nations Children's Fund

Answer – United Nations Children's Fund





Abbreviation	UNICEF
Formation	11 December 1946; 73 years ago (as United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)
Type	Fund
Legal status	Active
Headquarters	<a href="#">New York City, US</a>
Head	<i>Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund</i> <a href="#">Henrietta H. Fore</a>
Parent organization	<a href="#">United Nations General Assembly</a> <a href="#">United Nations Economic and Social Council</a>

# Question No: 5

Government of India has signed a \$500 million worth loan agreement with which organization for Delhi-Meerut **RRTS** (regional rapid transit system)?

भारत सरकार ने दिल्ली-मेरठ आरआरटीएस (रीजनल रैपिड ट्रांजिट सिस्टम) के लिए किस संगठन के साथ 500 मिलियन डॉलर मूल्य के ऋण समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

# Question No: 5

A. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

B. New Development Bank (NDB)

✓ C. Asian Development Bank (ADB)

D. World Bank (WB)

Answer – Asian Development Bank (ADB)

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# Question No: 6

Which bank was recognized as the best bank in the world by New York-based financial publication Global Finance?

न्यूयॉर्क स्थित वित्तीय प्रकाशन ग्लोबल फाइनेंस द्वारा किस बैंक को दुनिया के सर्वश्रेष्ठ बैंक के रूप में मान्यता दी गई थी?

A. Wells Fargo

☒ B. DBS Bank

C. Bank of America

D. JPMorgan Chase

Answer – DBS Bank

DBS Bank Ltd is a Singaporean multinational banking and financial services corporation headquartered in Marina Bay, Singapore.

The company was known as The Development Bank of Singapore Limited, before the present name was adopted on 21 July 2003 to reflect its changing role as a global bank.

डीबीएस बैंक लिमिटेड सिंगापुर की बहुराष्ट्रीय बैंकिंग और वित्तीय सेवा निगम है जिसका मुख्यालय मरीना बे, सिंगापुर में है। कंपनी को सिंगापुर लिमिटेड के विकास बैंक के रूप में जाना जाता था, इससे पहले 21 जुलाई २००३ को वैश्विक बैंक के रूप में अपनी बदलती भूमिका को प्रतिबिंबित करने के लिए वर्तमान नाम को अपनाया गया था ।

# Question No: 7

WE HUB, the incubator for women start-up under 'which' state government has partnered with NutriHub to promote women entrepreneurship in agri sector?

WE HUB महिलाओं के लिए इनक्यूबेटर स्टार्ट-अप के तहत 'जो' राज्य सरकार ने कृषि क्षेत्र में महिला उद्यमिता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए न्यूट्रीहब के साथ भागीदारी की है?



# Question No: 7

- A. Punjab
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- ☒ C. Telangana
- D. Maharashtra

WE HUB

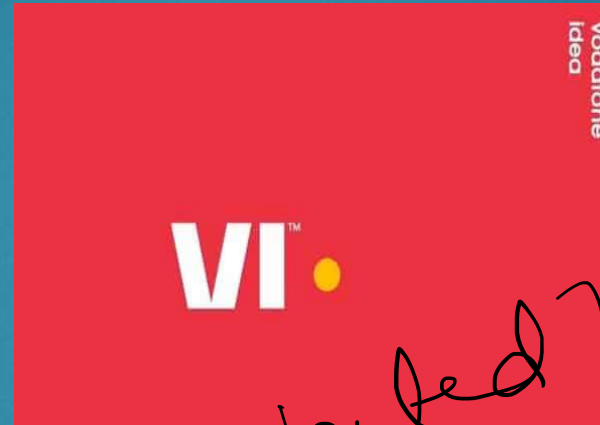
Answer – Telangana

# Question No: 8

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Vodafone Idea virtually unveiled their new integrated brand identity 'Vi' recently. Where is the HQ of Vodafone Idea located?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Guwahati
- C. Panaji
- D. Mumbai



LOGO?

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Graphic

Answer – Mumbai

# Question No: 9

Which bank has modernized its payment switching system using ACI's retail payments solution?

किस बैंक ने एसीआई के खुदरा भुगतान समाधान का उपयोग करके अपने भुगतान स्विचिंग सिस्टम का आधुनिकीकरण किया है?

- ✓ A. State Bank of India
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. United Bank of India

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Answer - State Bank of India

# Question No: 10

Name the state/UT government which signed MoU with UN World Food Programme for take-home ration Scheme.

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A. Uttarakhand

B. Tripura

C. West Bengal

☒ D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer – Uttar Pradesh



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# Jaishankar, Wang hold talks

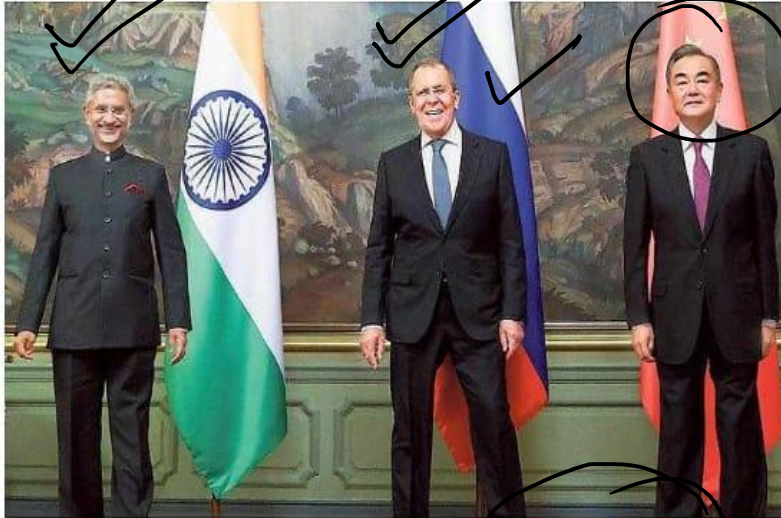
First face-to face meeting of Foreign Ministers held in Moscow amid stand-off

SUHASINI HAIDAR

NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held their first face-to-face meeting in Moscow on Thursday to discuss the four-month-long stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, which has seen violent clashes and even gunfire for the first time since 1975.

The meeting took place on Thursday evening, after the completion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Council's Foreign Minister's meeting as well as a Russia-India-China trilateral meeting that both Ministers attended. However, the outcome of the India-China bi-



**A step forward:** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov and China's Wang Yi in Moscow on Wednesday. ■ AP

China border through peaceful negotiations," he said.

Meanwhile, there was little change at the LAC, where ground commanders at the

status quo was maintained on Thursday.

Mr. Jaishankar, who travelled to Russia to attend the 8-nation Shanghai Coopera-

had discussed India when Mr. Qureshi met with Mr. Wang on Thursday evening, a meeting that took place before Mr. Wang's meeting with Mr. Jaishankar.

## Pakistan statement

"Foreign Minister Qureshi emphasized that India's expansionist and unilateral actions, particularly since August 5, 2019, have been imperilling regional peace and security," said a Pakistani MFA statement issued in Islamabad, referring to the government's moves with Jammu and Kashmir and Article 370 last year.

The MEA did not respond to the Pakistani statement.

Earlier Mr. Jaishankar and

Wang Yi

## SCO Members





Abbreviation

SCO

Predecessor

Shanghai Five group,  
founded on 26 April 1996

Formation

2001

Type

Mutual security, political,  
economic organisation

Headquarters

Beijing, China

AiTB

# Opposition grows in Tripura to large-scale Bru refugee enclaves

Bengali, Mizo groups want even distribution across State

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
GUWAHATI**

A coordination body of non-Bru people in Tripura has opposed the large-scale settlement of Bru refugees across seven sites. The locations straddle two subdivisions of the State's northern region adjoining Mizoram.

The Joint Movement Committee (JMC) comprising the Bengali-dominated Nagarik Suraksha Mancha and the Tripura Mizo Convention said the State government's move to settle 4,900 Bru families in Kanchanpur and Panisagar subdivisions of North Tripura district would have "negative social, cultural, political, environmental and ecological impacts".

Opposing the move, the committee said it would not deviate from its stand that Kanchanpur and Panisagar subdivisions can at most ac-



Bru refugees in Tripura.

ghettos.

The JMC made its position clear in a memorandum submitted to the State's Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar via Chandni Chandran, the subdivisional magistrate of Kanchanpur Subdivision on September 9.

"We would like to re-emphasise that in principle we are not against the quadrilateral Bru settlement agreement signed in New Delhi on January 16, 2020. However,

Kanchanpur Subdivision," JMC convenor Susanta Bikas Barua said.

"We, therefore, maintain our stand that a maximum of 500 families be settled in Kanchanpur and Panisagar Subdivisions in the specific places that we have mentioned in our previous proposal (on July 21)," JMC chairman Zairemthiama Pachuau said.

## Seven sites

According to a July 31 memo issued by North Tripura District Magistrate Raval H. Kumar to the District Forest Officer, groups of 1,000 Bru families are to be settled in forest areas of Manu-Chailenta, Gachirampara, Anandabazar and Bhandarimpura-Pushparampara. Three other sites are to accommodate 300 families each.

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- खान्ग

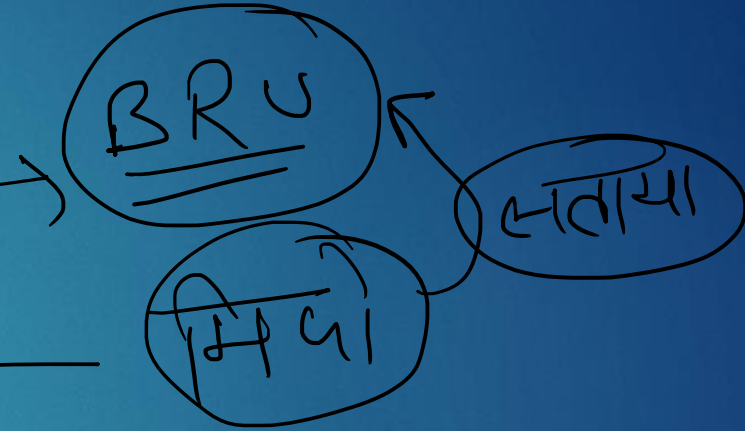
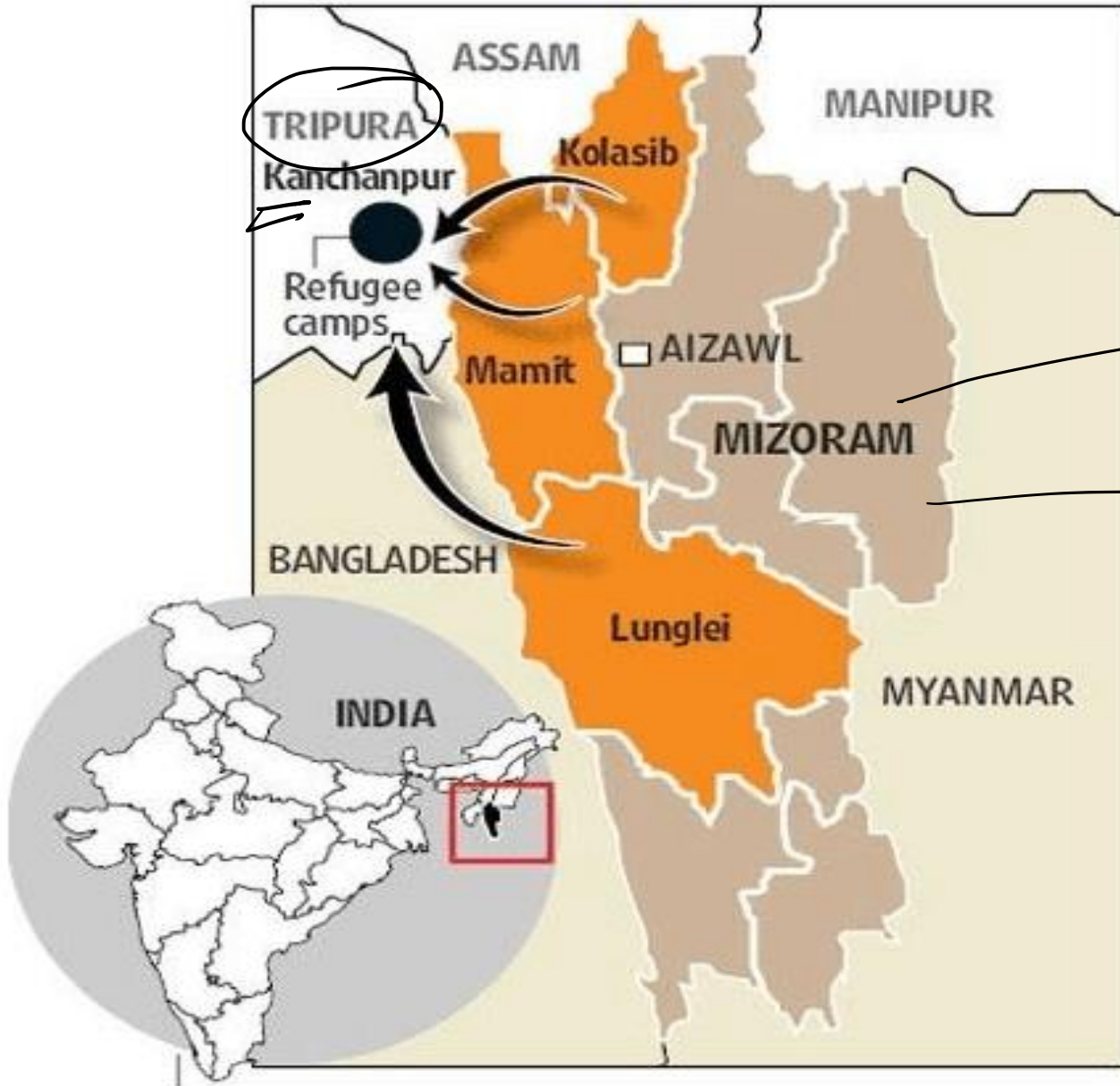


# MODI GOVT SIGNS HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO END BRU-REANG REFUGEE CRISIS

Around 34,000 Internally  
Displaced people to be  
settled in Tripura



- The 23-year-old crisis has been resolved by Modi Govt
- Agreement between Govt of India, State Govt of Tripura and Mizoram and Bru-Reang representatives signed
- Around Rs. 600 crores to be given to Tripura for rehabilitation and all-round development of refugees
- Each of the displaced families would be given 40x30 sq.ft. residential plots
- Other benefits including a fixed deposit of Rs. 4 lakhs to be provided





## Jane Fraser to be first woman CEO of Citigroup

Citigroup Inc chief executive officer Michael Corbat will step down in February 2021, after 37 years with the bank, and will be succeeded by president Jane Fraser, making her the first-ever woman executive to head a major Wall Street bank. Ms. Fraser was seen last year as a CEO candidate by Wells Fargo & Co's board. The bank eventually settled on former JPMorgan executive Charles Scharf. REUTERS



USA

BANK

# Officials confirm two incidents of firing at south bank of Pangong Tso

Shots were first fired on August 30 as Indian troops prevented PLA efforts to change status quo

VIJAITA SINGH  
NEW DELHI

The south bank of the Pangong Tso (lake) where Indian and Chinese troops are currently engaged in a face-off, witnessed firing in the air not only on September 7 but also a week earlier, a senior government official told *The Hindu*.

The official said the first incident when a few rounds were fired in the air was reported on August 30 from

the same area. It was not clear how the firing began.

This is the first time since 1975 that shots were fired along the disputed Line of Actual Control (LAC). The Indian Army said on Tuesday that it was the Chinese troops who fired a few rounds in the air on September 7.

On August 31, the Army issued a statement, saying China had carried out provocative military movements to

change the status quo in the south bank of the Pangong Tso and "Indian troops pre-empted this PLA activity".

The official said the two instances of firing were worrying as no concrete solution on restoring the status quo had been achieved so far through military and diplomatic-level dialogue.

"So far, the policy at the China border has only been reactionary. China takes some action and Indian

troops react. It cannot be a long-term solution as winter is approaching and it will be difficult to maintain posts at such high altitudes," said the official.

Till now, no dispute has been reported in the south bank and for the past week, the Indian Army has dominated the ridges and hills here.

The official asserted that the Army had not transgressed into Chinese territo-

ry and was occupying ridges and heights that fall in Indian territory.

China has been amassing troops along the LAC in eastern Ladakh since April-May. Many areas in Depsang, Gogra-Hot Springs, Galwan and the north bank of Pangong Tso, within the LAC, have been out of bounds for patrolling by Indian troops since May.

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Hostile terrain: An IAF helicopter flying over a mountain range in Leh, Ladakh, on Thursday. • AFP

> R.K. Mathur

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# INDIA NOW DOMINATES SOUTH PANGONG AREA

The government has said the Chinese troops attempted to carry out "provocative military movements to change the status quo" near Pangong lake. But the move has been blocked by the Indian Army.

North bank of the Pangong Lake, there has been no substantial military disengagement despite several rounds of military and diplomatic talks.



Near Black Top, a Chinese observation post on a ridge on the south bank of Pangong Tso, approximately 25 km from Chushul. More than 200 PLA troops are massed on the Black Top heights.

The Indian army is positioned in a manner that ensures that the entire disputed area, right till India's perception of the Line of Actual Control in the region, can be defended.

In dominating the heights, soldiers of the Indian Army also over-see the crucial Spanggur Gap, a key passage in the area through which troop movement can take place.

China has also built a tarred road on the south bank of the neighbouring Spanggur Lake

**IAN'S GRAPHICS**

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THE HINDU

# SII pauses trials of vaccine

## They were stopped as recipient showed adverse symptoms

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI/PUNE

The Serum Institute of India (SII) in Pune on Thursday paused the clinical trial of the COVID-19 vaccine candidate being developed by Oxford University's Jenner Institute and Astra Zeneca following a notice from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) on Wednesday.

Trials were stopped globally after a recipient in the U.K. showed adverse symptoms.

In a statement on Thursday, the SII said, "We are reviewing the situation and pausing India trials till Astra-Zeneca restarts the trials.



**Trial and error:** A scientist at a laboratory of the Serum Institute in Pune. ■ REUTERS

were going by the DCGI's direction and were not told to pause the trials. "We are going by DCGI's direction and so far were not told to pause the trials. If DCGI has any sa-

and that they would be continuing them.

"We cannot comment on reports of the U.K. trials, other than that they have been paused for further review and that they hope to restart soon. As far as Indian trials are concerned, they are continuing and we have faced no issues at all," said a statement issued earlier today by the SII, the world's third largest vaccine manufacturer.

Till date, 100 volunteers have been administered the vaccine shots, following the commencement of the phase two trials in India on August 26. As many as 34 of

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# Vaccine still possible this year: AstraZeneca

Company 'voluntarily paused' trial after unexplained illness in a volunteer

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE  
LONDON

Drugs giant AstraZeneca on Thursday said a COVID-19 vaccine could still be available by as early as the end of the year, despite a randomised clinical trial being paused.

"We could still have a vaccine by the end of this year, early next year," the U.K.-based company's chief executive Pascal Soriot said in comments at a media event.

AstraZeneca announced on Wednesday it had "voluntarily paused" its trial of a drug developed alongside



An independent committee was drafted to review the safety of the vaccine. AP

Oxford University after a U.K. volunteer developed an unexplained illness.

An independent committee was drafted in to review safety but the company said

it was a "routine action" designed to maintain the integrity of the trials.

"We will be guided by this committee as to when the trials could restart, so that we can continue our work at the earliest opportunity," Mr. Soriot said in a statement.

AstraZeneca's vaccine candidate is one of nine around the world currently in late-stage Phase 3 trials.

In the U.S., the company began enrolling 30,000 volunteers across dozens of sites on August 31, and smaller groups are being tested in Brazil and elsewhere in

South America.

The vaccine, called AZD1222, uses a weakened version of a common cold-causing adenovirus engineered to code for the spike protein that the novel coronavirus uses to invade cells.

After vaccination, this protein is produced inside the human body, which primes the immune system to attack the coronavirus if the person is later infected.

The director of U.K. scientific research charity the Wellcome Trust, Jeremy Farrar, said there were often pauses in vaccine trials.



# California wildfires growing bigger

Experts say fire behaviour is driven by drought and warming temperatures

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When it comes to California wildfires, it now takes days, not decades, to produce what had been seen as a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

Last weekend, a fire burning in California's Sierra National Forest exploded in size, trapping hundreds of Labor Day holiday campers who could only be rescued by helicopters that made a series of white-knuckle flights into the smoke. Fire officials said they'd never seen a fire move so fast in forestland – 24 km in a day.

On Wednesday, a wildfire in Plumas National Forest northeast of San Francisco spread 40 km in a day and



**All-out effort:** A firefighter trying to douse flames as they push towards homes in Madera County, California. ■AFP

a massive fire in Monterey County doubled in size overnight, trapping 14 firefighters who had to deploy their emergency shelters; one was critically injured.

They are only the latest

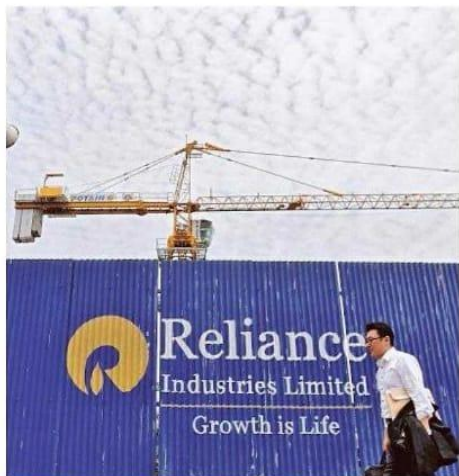
driven by drought and warming temperatures they attribute to climate change. Among the most concerning developments is that fast-moving wildfires leave less time for warnings or evacua-

National Forest near Yosemite National Park, which exploded through miles of drought- and beetle-killed timber, moving so fast that it trapped hundreds of campers.

"When you have a fire run 15 miles in one day, in one afternoon, there's no model that can predict that," U.S. Forest Service forester Steve Lohr said. "The fires are behaving in such a way that we've not seen."

California already has seen a record 10,100 sq. km burn and it's only now is entering what traditionally is the most dangerous time for fires. Labor Day weekend brought record-breaking temperatures across the state that exacerbated what

⇒ Australia  
Bush  
fire  
KOALA



## RIL first in India to cross \$200 bn in market cap

NEW DELHI

Shares of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) closed over 7% higher, helping its market valuation cross the \$200-billion mark and become the first domestic firm to achieve the milestone. The stock rose by 7.1% to close at ₹2,314.65 on the BSE. During the day, media reports surfaced that RIL was offering to sell a roughly \$20 billion stake in its retail business to Amazon.com Inc. PTI

\$200 Bn



# Hirschi tastes first victory

Roglic keeps the yellow jersey

## TOUR DE FRANCE

REUTERS

SARRAN

After two agonising near misses, Swiss Marc Hirschi finally claimed his maiden Tour de France win, and his first as a professional, when he completed a solo break to take the 12th stage on Thursday.

Having finished second in the second stage in Nice and third in the ninth stage in Laruns after a long solo breakaway in the Pyrenees, the former Under-23 World champion held off a group of chasers to prevail following a bumpy 218-km trek.

France's Pierre Rolland was second and Hirschi's Sunweb teammate Soren Kragh Andersen of Denmark took third place as Slovenian Primož Roglic retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

### Giving it his all

"I went full gas. It's super nice. Actually I was always



**What a feeling!** Marc Hirschi celebrates his first-ever Stage win. ■ AFP

stages. My first victory as a professional, it's incredible. I know I'm strong. It just gave me extra power, it was now or never," said the 22-year-old.

It was a quiet day for the main contenders but sparks could fly on Friday when the 13th stage takes the peloton to Puy Mary, at the top of the ascent to the Pas de Pey-

~~Le~~ Tour-de-france

Cycling

marc Hirschi



## Paresh Rawal ~~appointed~~ NSD chair

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT  
NEW DELHI

Paresh Rawal, actor and former BJP MP, has been appointed Chairperson of the National School of Drama Society by President Ram Nath Kovind, Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel said on Thursday.

Mr. Patel announced the appointment by a tweet, saying Mr. Rawal's experience would help artistes and students of the NSD. Mr. Rawal, who served one term as the Ahmedabad East MP from 2014 to 2019, is a recipient of the Padma Shri.

The post had been vacant since playwright Ratan Thiyam's tenure ended in 2017.



## National School of Drama ✓✓



Type

Public ✓✓

Established

1959 ✓

Chairman

Paresh Rawal (2020-present) }

Director

Suresh Sharma  
(September 2018 - present)

Address

Bahawalpur House, New Delhi, India ✓

Florence Parly | CA + Static GA

# Rafales a game changer, says Rajnath

“They are a very important step in light of the security conditions on the borders”

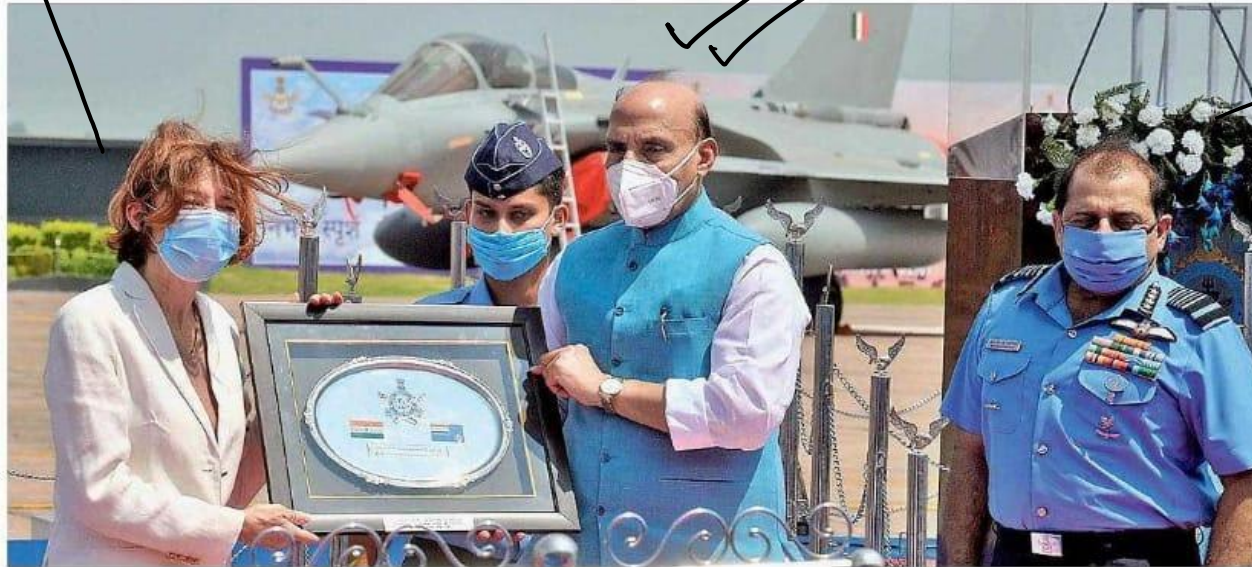
DINAKAR PERI  
AMBALA

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday called the induction of the French Rafale fighter jet into the Indian Air Force (IAF) a “game changer”, and said it was a very important step in light of the security conditions that “have been created along India’s borders.”

The formal ceremony marked the full operational induction of the jets into the IAF, Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria said.

“They are good to go and deliver,” he added.

At the ceremony at the airbase here, Mr. Singh said, “The IAF plays an important role in maintaining military deterrence and their actions will be decisive in future.”



**Close ties:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh giving a memento to his French counterpart Florence Parly at Ambala on Thursday. Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria is at right. ■R.V. MOORTHY

ders amid current security challenges, he said.

French Defence Minister Florence Parly who was present, said that in strategic

tion could not have happened at a more opportune time, given the security scenario.

Pilots had undergone in-

Ambala from France in July-end. They were handed over to India in France last October but have since been used for training IAF pilots there.

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Bhadauria  
Ambala  
17 Golden  
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